

THE SEWER BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Mayor James Garner, Vice Chairman Bill Utz, Kevin Zurschmiede, Todd Solomon and Larry Kochert.

OTHERS: Attorney Greg Fifer, Tim Crawford, Brian Dixon and Rob Sartell, EMC, and City Clerk Marcey Wisman.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Utz moved to approve the May 1, 2007 minutes with corrections, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC:

Brent Schroeder stated that he needs 3,000 credits for an attachment on 2018 Corydon Pike for the Schmidt Furniture warehouse.

Mr. Dixon asked where they will extend their line because they need to know what the impact will be on the system.

Mr. Schroeder stated that has not been decided by Ruckman yet.

Mr. Dixon asked that he have Ruckman contact him.

Richard Scifers, stated that he had several problems at 1135 and 1137 Garret

Mrs. Welsh stated that she would take care of the adjustments and that they are pending right now.

Dennis Farmer reported that he refilled his swimming pool due to having to have the liner replaced because of damage to his pool. He filled his pool and received a \$129 sewer bill.

Mrs. Welsh stated that her office receives at least 20 calls a day like this one here and she believed they need to do something to help these customers out.

Mr. Fifer explained that the reason for the change in the summer program and why the board changed the policy for the pool adjustments and that he thinks they need to wait to hear from Melhieser.

Joe _____, Indiana American Water, explained that many cities that they work with use the average from November to April.

Susan Johnson asked if they have received the amended Consent Decree yet.

Mayor Garner stated that he received a draft today.

Mr. Johnson stated that a week ago she was on McDonald Lane and the odor was bad so she called Mr. Dixon and he stated that he needed to put something in the line and after that she saw Team at the site.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. Kochert asked about the situation on Rainbow Drive.

Mr. Dixon explained that he talked with Scott Adams who is going to put rock down and that it is a water tap but they are going to be digging up the road again to put in a sewer tap and that is why they haven't repaved it. He said that they hope to have it done this week.

Mrs. Garry stated that they had a small sewage account at Independence Bank that had approximately \$15,000 that she has closed and will be going into their fund. She also stated that she has talked with the Storm Water board and informed them that it should be a TIF fund and not a utility and she is in the process of moving that account.

Mr. Solomon asked on page 3 on department 351 report about the Taco Bell user fee of \$1372.00

Mrs. Haley explained that it was a charge for the Lafollette line that the Taco Bell paid to the city and the City paid it to DSD.

Mr. Solomon asked on Department 355, Sewer Board, page 10, there is listed an expense for Ice, Miller in the amount of \$29,000 and the board never saw the invoices as well as all invoices from Greg Fifer and he asked that the check be held until the board sees the invoice.

Ms. Garry stated that she had asked that when they want to see a bill to come to her before they are every put it on a claim.

Mr. Fifer stated that he needs to know where to file claims so that they can see them if he isn't going to file them with Ms. Gary

Mr. Utz stated that he had a problem with EMC coming out of the Engineering line item.

Mrs. Garry stated that she could create a line item for that if they tell her what they want it to be called.

Mr. Utz said operations would be fine.

Mr. Solomon had a question about whether L& D Mailmaster for the quarterly billing should have been billed out of storm water not sewer.

Mrs. Garry explained that the girls in her office would file taken it from the GL number that was on the claim.

Mrs. Welsh said that it should have come out of storm water. That she does the claims and she may have put the wrong number on the claim.

Mr. Solomon asked if there was an industrial park capacity report yet.

Mayor Garner stated that a copy was issued to Redevelopment on Thursday and he has not seen it yet.

Mr. Solomon asked Mr. Fifer if he had anything on the sewer docket policy.

Mr. Fifer stated that he would have it done next meeting.

Mr. Solomon asked if he brought the map of the system.

Mr. Dixon stated that he forgot to bring that tonight.

Mr. Solomon asked if there was any flow monitoring data yet.

Mr. Dixon stated that they have the flow meters in place and the pumps are in place but he doesn't have any data from them yet.

Mr. Solomon asked how the construction items could have been in the line and it passes the inspection.

Mr. Dixon stated that they did the test on the new line without the flow and then they came back and made the connections on the other line and when they came back to do the work on the manhole it was probably left in there at that time.

Mr. Solomon stated that they need to make it a priority to check those manholes that are being worked on after the work is done.

Mr. Solomon asked if the quotes are in for the independent float system.

Mr. Crawford informed him that they met with Delta last week and that they are going to give them a quote for that.

SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:

Mr. King addressed the board regarding his request for a pool adjustment not because he just wanted to fill his pool early he needed to replace the liner because he had a leak.

Mayor Garner stated that this would need to be tabled until after we hear back from Mr. McCormick.

Mr. Solomon asked that Mr. Fifer get the information from Mr. McCormick to show the impact for moving the summer watering program.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the policy for pool adjustments and how it came about.

Ms. Welsh presented an adjustment for Mark Murphy in the amount of \$1,121.63 for a sump pump that drained into the back yard.

Mayor Garner stated that there is a problem because he also had a leaking toilet and sink. He told her to take the 8 out and re-calculate.

Mr. Solomon moved to approve the adjustment modifying the calculation, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

Ms. Welsh presented an adjustment for Janus Partners in the amount of \$16,403.22.

Mr. Solomon asked Mr. Dixon to go out and look into situation because he thought this was an extreme amount of water.

Mayor Garner stated that there are a lot of inconsistencies in their water use and this is only for one month and he doesn't believe they can blame it on the water company.

Mr. Solomon stated that he would like to have them at the meeting so that they could ask them some questions before he approves an adjustment.

Mayor Garner stated that after Mr. Dixon looks into it they will ask them to the next meeting.

Ms. Welsh presented an adjustment for Kenneth Bennett for a main water line break in the amount of \$674.83.

Mr. Utz stated that they did a lot of renovations at this property

Mr. Utz moved to approve, Mr. Solomon second, all voted in favor.

Ms. Welsh presented an adjustment for Laura Escamilla for a total of \$541.75.

Mr. Utz asked what the policy on handling penalties.

Ms. Welsh stated that they typically don't remove them unless they find an error in billing or a leak that has caused it.

Mr. Utz moved to approve the \$541.75, Mr. Zurschmiede second, all voted in favor.

Ms. Welsh asked for permission to file a lien against Debra Murry who is 30 days delinquent

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Connie Madison re: charges for sewage water in the pool.

Mayor Garner said to put her on next week's agenda and asked if Ms. Haley had anything for them.

Mr. Brinkworth asked if they have gotten the report on the industrial park from Mr. Rosenbarger and whether or not there was capacity for Autumn View.

Mayor Garner stated that they don't have a final draft but they met last week and asked how many up front taps they want to make to help look at how to increase the line capacity. He stated that they thought their total billed out tap fees was \$216, 00.00 and they are looking to see when they can get phase two and three done.

Ms. Haley stated that IUS has requested credits for dorms that will probably connect to Basin 38.

Mr. Dixon stated that they will not connect to 38 but they will be closer to Basin 25.

Mayor Garner stated that they are going next to the railroad tracks by the lake.

Mr. Fifer stated that he was at the Redevelopment Commission on Thursday and they adopted a resolution to advertise for the June 12th meeting the contribution of \$900, 00.00 that will go towards the cost of constructing Prosser and Mt. Tabor so that they can get the money in the budget with the understanding that it would be used all or in part to fund basin 35 section 1. He explained that since then the Stone Crest project is at a \$250,000.00 cost analysis to go to basin 25 and they prefer without any obligation to donate that amount of money to the city to build basin 35 sections 2&3 and they are also willing to buy connections up front to some extent. He said the key to getting everyone on the same page is going to be the agreements about phasing, capacity reservations, and connection schedules and he wanted to know how many connections they would be talking about in the coming years.

Mr. Brinkworth explained that they would build about 25 homes in 2008, 25 homes in 2009 and 22 homes in 2010.

Mayor Garner asked for a build out schedule.

Mr. Brinkworth said that they would bring that to the next meeting.

Mrs. Haley asked on the IUS project do that need to know how many credits they will need.

Mr. Fifer stated that they do need to know the number of buildings and what they have funding for.

Mrs. Haley stated that they have plans for five buildings. She also informed the board that on Lafollette line Dr. Pruess is requesting an additional 1,400 credits.

Mr. Dixon stated that the line is at its capacity.

Mayor Garner said they only thing they can do is to have him go to one of the other three locations and see if they have any for him.

Mrs. Haley reported that AML would like the 2,635 credits that were given to the American Legion back because they want to put that debt back into reserve.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not these should go back to AML.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Donohue re: Project Update

Mr. Elling reported that on 15th street project the railroad has not issued a permit for the geotechnical work. He also stated that he talked with Mr. Dixon and they are getting closer to having a contract for the televising and cleaning.

Mr. Dixon stated that Pipe Eyes has found another location to take the debris.

Mr. Elling went over the Agreement for the Master plan that was included in their packets for their approval. He discussed the requested changes that have been made in the agreement.

Mr. Solomon stated that he looked through the agreement and the cost is in line and motioned to approve the contract, Mr. Kochert second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Clark Dietz re: Project Update

Mr. Christmas reported that they have begun the work on the final restoration on the Robert E. Lee. He reported that on Basin 18 they have started property research and surveying.

Item #3 - Brian Dixon re: Janie Lane Elevations

Mr. Dixon presented a memo with the elevations which is on file with the City Clerk's office. He stated that the lowest house is already below the elevation of the man-hole and in his opinion raising this man hole will open the city up for problems. He stated that he did see back flow preventions in three of the houses.

Mr. Solomon asked if there were any known backup problems out there

Mr. Dixon stated that they have had some problems at that particular manhole but he couldn't tell them from which houses. He stated that they are going to walk the lines today to make sure there are no physical problems that can be identified with a walk through.

Mayor Garner asked if they could tell where the sub-pump was going.

Mr. Dixon said that it could be going into the sewers but he wasn't sure because he didn't have the right equipment to check it today.

EMC REPORT:

Rob Sartell reported that they received their inspection back from IDEM with satisfactory in every category and this was the first time in their memory that this has happened in New Albany.

Mr. Dixon stated that he received a letter from Aquatech and they will accept the 20,000.00 credit and they will need three to four days to inspect it and he needs to know if it is still okay with the board to trade for the Aquatech so that he can get the paper work lined up.

Mr. Kochert moved to approve, Mr. Utz second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Dixon stated that he received a second quote on the exposed line that came in at approximately \$15,000 and asked what they wanted him to do.

Mayor Garner stated that even the first quote sounded high.

Mr. Zurschmiede asked if the company that did the work on Charlestown Rd. bid on the project.

Mr. Dixon said that he didn't receive a bid from them, Team or Mac.

Mr. Utz stated that he would like to get one more quote.

Mr. Fifer presented a draft letter concerning 311 Windover for the board's review.

BIDS:

CLAIMS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Sewer Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor James Garner, Chairman

Marcey J. Wisman, City Clerk